

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Please amend the Application to include the amended Figure 2 and Figure 3. Replacement figures have been included with this Response as Attachment A. A description of the amendments has been included in the remark section of this Response.

Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments.

REMARKS

This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 15, 2006.

Claims 1, 5, 12, and 16 -18 are currently amended in the Application.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the Application.

Claims 7, 10 and 13 have been cancelled from the Application.

I. Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the drawings must show every feature of the claimed subject matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3, and the Specification as Filed to reflect more clearly the "bases" in Claim 1. The "base" that is part of the substantially stiff upper clamp and engages two arms is shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 and is reference numeral 52. The "base", now recited as "a spring base", associated with the spring is shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 as reference numeral 50. Paragraph [00029] and Paragraph [00034] have been amended accordingly.

Applicant has amended Claim 4 to define "mechanical means". Support is found in Paragraph [00022] and Paragraph [00026].

Applicant has amended Claim 5 to recite more clearly that the "left and right clamps" are the "lower and upper clamps" shown as reference numerals 2 and 3, respectively, in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

The "rigid mechanical connection" is reference numeral 40 depicted in Figure 2 per Paragraph [00032] of the Specification as Filed. The "flexible hinge" is not depicted in the figures, but is merely an alternative embodiment to the "rigid mechanical connection" depicted in Figure 2. Applicant believes that the manner of substituting a "flexible hinge" for a "rigid

mechanical connection" as described in the Paragraph [00032] of the Specification as Filed is known in the art.

Applicant amended Claim 12 to remove "the cover has teeth" from the recitation

The phrase "battery operated miniature light on the cover" is now depicted in Figure 3 per the amendment to the Specification, Paragraph [00027]. The battery operated miniature light" is now shown as reference numeral 100.

The phrase "battery operated miniature display sign" is now also depicted in Figure 3 per the amendment to the Specification, Paragraph [00027]. The battery operated miniature display sign" is now shown as reference numeral 102.

Replacement Sheets have been included with this Response as Attachment A.

Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments.

II. Specification

The Office Action objected to the Specification as Filed for various informalities.

Applicant has amended Paragraph [00025] of the Specification as Filed to recite clearly that reference numeral 27 designates the "inner planar surface".

Applicant has amended Paragraph [00020], Paragraph [00026], and Paragraph [00029] of the Specification as Filed to recite clearly that reference numeral 30 designates the "soft outer claim" in Claim 1.

Applicant has amended Paragraph [00020] and Paragraph [00026] of the Specification as Filed to recite clearly that reference numeral 32 designates the "spring".

Applicant has also amended Paragraph [00025] of the Specification as Filed to recite clearly that reference numeral 28 designates the "inner supporting arm".

Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments. Reconsideration of the objections to the Specification as Filed is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections 35 USC § 112

The Office Action rejected to Claim 1 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 5, 12, 16-18 to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection. Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments. Reconsideration of the rejection to the claims is respectfully requested.

IV. Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to Claim 10 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claims.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 10.

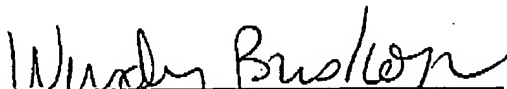
Applicant believes that no new matter has been added with any amendments that have been made. Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the examiners time and attention to this matter. Applicant believes no new matter has been added with any amendments that have been made. Applicant believes the Claims as now provided are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A- REPLACEMENT SHEETS